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To provide adequate school facilities within Yosemite National Park, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide adequate school facilities within Yosemite
National Park, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Yosemite National
5 Park Educational Facilities Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The three elementary schools serving the
9 children of employees of Yosemite National Park are

1 provided by the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary
2 School District and the Mariposa Unified School
3 District.

4 (2) The schools are in remote mountainous
5 areas and long distances from other educational and
6 administrative facilities that are located elsewhere in
7 the two school districts.

8 (3) Because of their remote locations and rel-
9 atively small number of students, students of the
10 Yosemite schools are vastly underserved in compari-
11 son to the educational services and facilities provided
12 to students that attend schools elsewhere in the two
13 school districts.

14 (4) Because of the long distances involved and
15 adverse weather and road conditions that occur dur-
16 ing much of the school year, it is impractical for the
17 children of employees who live within or near Yosem-
18 ite National Park to attend schools elsewhere in the
19 two school districts.

20 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
21 ize the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act
22 as the “Secretary”) to provide supplemental funding and
23 other services and facilities that are necessary to assist
24 the State of California or local school districts in providing
25 educational services and facilities for students attending

1 schools located within Yosemite National Park (referred
2 to in this Act as the “Park”).

3 **SEC. 3. PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND FA-**
4 **CILITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide funds
6 to appropriate school districts or for school facilities serv-
7 icing the Park to supplement the educational services and
8 facilities (including transportation to and from school) al-
9 ready provided by such districts or facilities to students
10 who are dependents of persons engaged in the administra-
11 tion, operation, and maintenance of the Park or students
12 who live at or near the Park upon real property of the
13 United States. Payment of such funds may be made from
14 revenues derived from Park entrance and user fees or
15 from donated funds.

16 (b) LIMITATION.—Payments made under this section
17 shall not exceed the amount necessary to provide students
18 described in subsection (a) with educational services and
19 facilities that are normally provided and generally avail-
20 able to students who attend public schools elsewhere in
21 the State of California.

22 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary is
23 authorized to adjust payments made under this section if
24 the State of California or appropriate school districts do
25 not continue to provide funding for educational services

1 and facilities at Park schools at per student levels that
2 are equivalent to or greater than those provided in the
3 fiscal year prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**

5 The Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative
6 agreements with the State of California or local agencies
7 for—

8 (1) the operation of school facilities located
9 within or near the Park at Federal expense;

10 (2) the construction or expansion of school fa-
11 cilities located within or near the Park on real prop-
12 erty of the United States at Federal expense; or

13 (3) providing educational services at schools
14 within the Park for—

15 (A) students who meet the criteria de-
16 scribed in section 3(a); and

17 (B) students who do not meet the criteria
18 described in section 3(a) but who live near the
19 Park or within the exterior boundaries of the
20 Park, if those students would have to travel fur-
21 ther to attend schools outside of the Park.

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